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& THE SHELBORNE'S FIVE-STAR REDO!

The Reformer

Back when he was a postgrad, Buenos Aires-born, Cordoba-educated **Edgardo Defortuna** was supposed to be in Miami for three months to perfect his English. "They're still waiting for me to come back," he says. Instead of returning to Argentina, Defortuna has built one of South Florida's most important developments and real estate empires: Fortune International Realty. Widely credited with leading the gentrification of Midtown, Fortune also put its inimitable stamp on Sunny Isles Beach with its Jade towers, and now Defortuna is placing his bets on Downtown, with NINE at Mary Brickell Village.

"Downtown has been in middle of a transformation for the last four years and it's attracting a young crowd," he explains. "NINE at Mary Brickell Village, in less than four months, is more than 50 percent sold. And we're marketing a new project for Roland called Brickell Heights that will have an unbelievable Equinox facility. Brickell is finally becoming the 'Manhattan of the South' that *The Mirror Herald* said was coming 20 years ago."

For Jade Signature, certainly Fortune's most high-profile project, the firm has collaborated with a peerless team: architects Hertzog and de Meuron, interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon and landscape designer Raymond Jungles. One coup in particular, the hiring of Rochon—the hotel designer responsible for the iconic Four Seasons Hotel George V Paris—was meant to send a signal: that the tower would draw from the best of hospitality design. "My wife and I like him very much, so much so that we hired him to do the interiors of our own home," says Defortuna. "To interview designers for Jade Signature we traveled to Milan, New York and all over the world, but we thought, 'Why not give our buyers the same lifestyle that we experience?'"

When asked to describe demographic trends among Miami real estate buyers in such a hot luxury market, Defortuna's response is swift: "In one word: the world. The quality buyer who would vacation in Miami but owns in New York now wants to own in Miami. They all want to own in Miami."



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\$14 million

In Miami, art and real estate have always gone together. That's why developer Eduardo Costantini forked over some significant cash for two Jeff Koons sculptures that will be unveiled at **Oceana Bol Harbour** when it opens in 2016. Costantini is a serious collector, having founded the MALBA, one of Buenos Aires' foremost museums. Look for pieces from Costantini's personal collection in Oceana's newly launched sales center. oceanaresidences.com

Starchitect Quality

Few architects enjoy the of-the-moment currency of **Zaha Hadid**, the first woman to win the Pritzker Prize—and fewer than 100 lucky owners will be able to call Hadid's One Thousand Museum (1000museum.com) home. The sinuous Biscayne Boulevard tower, with its arresting exoskeleton design, is already one of the most talked-about residential buildings in the world.

▶▶▶ **Herrzog & de Meuron**, with Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron at the helm, is revered surprisingly: Based in Basel, Switzerland, they designed the stadium for the Beijing Olympics, debated the Peter Art Museum Miami during Art Basel, and are leading the creative team behind Jade Signature (jadesignature.com), the spiral-columned residential tower in Sunny Isles Beach.

▶▶▶ Lionheart Capital snagged Milanese-educated **Piero Lissoni**, widely known for his inventive furniture showcased at Kartell and others, to transform a former hospital in Lake Surprise into The Residences at Ritz-Carlton (theresidencesatritzcarlton.com). After garnering much attention for international endeavors such as Jerusalem's Mamilla Hood, Lissoni has chosen the South Florida project to mark his first architectural undertaking in the United States.



Vehicular Pride

Meant to entice buyers who love their vehicles as much as their homes, the **Porsche Design Tower** (with 132 residences ranging in size from 4,800 to 17,000 square feet and priced from \$4.8 million to \$32.5 million) offers a slew of amenities, but it's the sky garages that are garnering the most attention. That's because they are located right beside the residences and come with their very own car concierge. It seems the future is here. porsche-design.com/towermiami/